

**MEDICAL DIRECTION COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES**  
**April 25, 2003**  
**1647 E. Morten, Training Room**

**Members Present:**

Barry A. Kriegsfeld, MD	John Gallagher, MD
Robert Vavrick, MD	John H. Raife Jr., MD
Daniel Spaite, MD	Michel Sucher (Chairman), MD
Michael Ward, MD	Frank Walter, MD

**Members Absent:**

Wendy Ann Lucid, MD  
Phillip C. Richemont, MD  
Harvey W. Meislin, MD

**BEMS Staff Present:**

Judi Crume  
Larry Heidenberg  
Peggy Lahren  
Donna Meyer  
Chuck Kramer  
Lorenzo Henry  
Susan Nicolas  
Victor Dominguez  
Howard Schwartz

**Ex-Officio Members Present:**

Kay Lewis, R.N., Ph.D.

**Guests Present:**

Toni Brophy, MD  
Janine Anderson  
Mark Venuti  
Paula Davis  
Barbara Glickman-Williams  
Jim Roeder  
Gary Smith, MD  
Peter Vann, MD  
Chad Rice  
Joshua Zeidler, DO

Brian Smith  
Stephen Powles  
Sandy Scott  
Jim Morgan  
Jerry Stein  
Paul Gomez  
Robert Olmstead  
Roy Ryals  
Sandy Scott  
Lynn Keat, MD

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Chairman, Michel Sucher, called the regular meeting of the Medical Direction Commission to order at 9:10 a.m. A quorum was present.

**II. DISCUSS/AMEND and/or APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Robert Vavrick and seconded by Barry Kriegsfeld to approve the April 25, 2003 agenda and minutes of January 24, 2003 with no corrections.

**Motion carried.**

**III. REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR**

Judi Crume, Chief for the Bureau of Emergency Medical Services, addressed the Commission:

- The revised JLBC budget came out on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of April and continues to have significant cuts
- The budget crisis is not over
- The Bureau will be moving to 150 North 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor on July 18<sup>th</sup>
- The Commission's future meetings will be held in a conference room in the new building after June's Meeting

#### **IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

##### **A. Membership Updates**

- The Director, Catherine Eden, was notified on March 26, 2003 by Governor Napolitano of the appointment of John Gallagher -A Physician Specializing in Emergency Medicine From One of the Local Emergency Medical Services Coordinating Systems (Also an EMS Council Member)
- The membership of Thomas Wachtel is in process for the category of “EMS Physician Specializing in Trauma Surgery”

##### **B. EMS Council Executive Committee Report**

**1) EMS/Trauma Futures Planning** - Michel Sucher reported that the Department has decided to rethink how the Bureau should proceed with EMS Futures planning. This will be discussed at the next EMS Council Executive Committee meeting on May 8, 2003.

##### **C. Introduction of Suzy Baulch** – Michel Sucher introduced the new Trauma Program Administrator, Suzy Baulch to the Committee. Arizona Injury and Prevention Plans were distributed to each member.

#### **V. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

##### **A. Protocols, Medications, and Devices Committee** – The Committee did not meet. The next PMD meeting will be held on May 15, 2003.

- 1. PMD Membership** – A revised membership list was provided in the packet. Michel Sucher recommended adding Kay Lewis as ex-officio to the PMD membership list.

#### **VI. RULES STATUS REPORT**

##### **A. Chapter 25 Revision** –The Bureau is still moving forward on the revision of Title 9 Chapter 25. The draft of the rules is posted on the website. A mass mailing was sent out to stakeholders to let them know that we have the draft on the website so they could look at the draft and make comments. We have received some comments already. Governor’s Regulatory Review Council (GRRC) has reviewed the draft and found no major issues with content or the direction. The plan is to publish the notice of proposed rulemaking by the end of May in the Secretary of State’s register. The goal is to have it to the GRRC for approval somewhere between September and November. The Bureau is recalling the Task Force to look at Article 8 which are the exempt rules. The Task Force will need to make sure that they are in sync with the new revisions and to make some refinements. After the notice of proposed rulemaking is published, the Bureau will be looking at the Air Ambulance Rules.

#### **VII. OLD BUSINESS**

##### **A. RSI Pilot Project** – Gary Smith presented a powerpoint presentation on the statewide results for the pilot study of the prehospital use of medication assisted intubation. The conclusion was that the MAI procedure has proven efficacious and useful

in the prehospital setting. All cases of RSI followed the indications for the procedure. No significant negative outcomes were reported secondary to medication administration. A report was distributed to the Commission.

Discussion ensued concerning the under-reporting, standard of care, complications and which medic should be using the RSI Procedure. Some recommendations that were made:

- RSI Procedure be included in the Paramedic Scope of Practice
- Leave the decision of who and who will not be doing the RSI procedure up to Medical Director's discretion
- Continuing the study to have numbers large enough to see the difference between new versus experienced paramedics
- If RSI is made an optional procedure that the Medical Director still collect data
- Go back to original document which states that there is a 2 year requirement for paramedics

#### **1. Approval as an Optional Procedure**

A motion was made by Robert Vavrick seconded by Barry Kriegsfield to approve RSI as an optional procedure in the State of Arizona for paramedics.

The Commission voted (5-Yes) (4-No). **Motion carried.**

A friendly amendment was made by Michael Ward that we maintain the original intent of the pilot study project and in addition require that those Medical Directors that want to institute Medical Assisted Intubation in their areas of responsibility undergo some type of training.

Robert Vavrick did not accept this amendment.

John Gallagher made a motion and Robert Vavrick seconded the motion that we have Medical Directors of any agency that is interested in RSI/MAI submit to the Bureau Medical Director of their plan for institution of this procedure. It will be left up to the Bureau Medical Director to make sure that the agency and the agency's Medical Director understand the ramifications. Frequency of reporting will be at the Bureau Medical Director's discretion. **Motion carried.**

Michael Ward withdrew his motion.

A friendly amendment was made by Frank Walter to use the original study as a guideline. John Gallagher accepted this amendment.

Question whether or not the Medical Director of the BEMS can make this decision. And does that mean that the Medical Director of BEMS and the

Bureau can be liable? It was recommended that the Bureau would have to look into the legalities of this.

It was recommended that we ask the people that have been involved to use the criteria unless it no longer made sense; for example the medic that needs to have been certified in Arizona for 2 years but has been a medic for many years in another state. The Medical Direction Commission gives Michel Sucher, Medical Director of the Bureau the authority to come up with the criteria, and bring back to Medical Direction Commission for their approval. The Medical Direction Commission approved the criteria in concept.

John Gallagher accepted this recommendation as a friendly amendment and Dan Spaite seconded this motion. **Motion carried.**

### **VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Diastat – Rectal Diazepam Gel** – This drug has been approved as an optional drug. The manufacturer offered to provide the state with 375 (10mm) twin packs if they would purchase 750 (5mg) twin packs. The cost of two doses is \$199.00.

Robert Vavrick stated that in the literature the pediatric community is moving to using IM Versed for the rapid control of seizures due to Diastat's erratic absorption and delayed reaction. No action taken.

- B. Bureau Medical Director** – Michel Sucher stated that he has been in the position of Acting Medical Director for the last fifteen months. The Department has decided to have a search process for the position of Medical Director for the Bureau of EMS. Michel Sucher said that he will apply for the position. The review panel would include one member of each of the statutory committees.

John Gallagher volunteered to be on the review panel. The Commission voted that John Gallagher be the representative for the Medical Direction Commission.

- C. Treatment and Triage Protocols** – Michel Sucher recommended this item to go to the PMD Committee for detailed discussion and then bring back to Medical Direction Commission.

John Gallagher made a motion to bring this item to the PMD Committee and Robert Vavrick seconded that motion. **Motion Carried.**

### **IX. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

No one came forward.

### **X. TRAINING OR EDUCATION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

3<sup>rd</sup> Annual AEMS Odyssey Conference will be held June 19 – 20, 2003 at the Embassy Suites Hotel.

**XI. NEXT MEETING**

The next regular meeting will be held on June 20, 2003 at the Embassy Suites Hotel – 4415 E. Paradise Village Parkway South, Phoenix, Arizona

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

Approved by MDC on 10/24/03